Hello everyone and welcome to the latest linkletter. Well, what a busy time it is at the Heights! As I’m sure it is in your own lives as we fast approach the end of the year and the related Christmas celebrations. With two weeks left of the school year there is no time to rest as the school has been a hive of activity over recent weeks. This will continue for the remainder of the school year. So please check the key dates attached to this newsletter for all the upcoming events and celebrations.

Thank-you to all of the parents who recently attending the end of year Student Lead Conferences. This has been a great experience, allowing for students to share their learning journey with their parents and teachers. Well done to all of our students for their hard work in preparing for these conferences. It has been great to hear of the manner in which children have towards achieving their learning goals.

In addition to this reporting process, our 2014 December reports will be sent home in the final week of school on Tuesday 16th December.

Last week our Year 1/2 students attended their camping program here at WHPS. After sharing in an enjoyable evening of activities and dinner, our Year 2 students stayed on at school for their sleepover. This was a great night for all involved. Thank-you to the staff who supported this program. These activities provide life long memories for our students and also helps to develop a range of personal and interpersonal skills.

Similarly our Prep students thoroughly enjoyed their shared breakfast experience. The students were waited on by the staff and some of our senior school student leaders. Thanks to the teachers and to: Cooper W-D, Riley L, Fletcher P, Brodie M and David J for their hard work and enthusiastic support.

Prep orientation
Today we will be conducting of final Prep orientation session. Our 2015 Preps are already very excited about the year ahead. These sessions have been an invaluable activity for all our new comers!

Library News
Thanks to everyone who visited our Book Fair and helped to make it a success. We now have a box of picture books, junior novels and non-fiction books ready to go on the shelves for next year.

This has been the last week of Library borrowing. Borrowing finishes on Friday December 5th and we would appreciate it if all books could be returned by Friday December 12th. We will send out overdue notices next week to remind children and parents about books they need to return. Thank you to parents who have paid $10 towards the cost of replacing some lost books. Some parents have asked how to make this payment. You can pay at the office or send money to school in a named envelope noting that it is for a lost library book.

Well done to all the children who have made a poster about a library book for our competition. Entries must be placed in the box in the library by the end of the day on Monday December 8th. We are looking forward to displaying some of the wonderful posters. Winners will be announced at assembly on Monday December 15th. A big thank you to Izzy and Joanna for working in our library this year and running the lunchtime Library Club for children. Happy Reading to everyone!
Tennis anyone
As a compliment to our physical education program we have organized to facilitate some tennis clinics for all WHPS students. These will be held here at school on the following dates:
P-4 tennis clinic 15th Dec
Year 5/6 tennis clinic 17th Dec
This will be a fun activity for all involved. Thanks to Mrs. Brooks for coordinating this for everyone.

Excursion: Rippon Lea House and Garden (National Trust)
Grade 1/2s will be heading off for a full day program looking at "Then & Now". This program examines the past through family history, children’s life, schooling and domestic work. It includes toys, games, sports, period clothes and exploration activities. Teaching staff will take on the roles of 19th C Housekeeper and 21st C Time Machine scientist as they lead students through the day. Grades 1/2S & 1/2Y went on Thursday 4th December and Grades 1/2E & 1/2WP will be going on Monday the 8th December. We are looking forward to our day out looking into the past!

Carparking
Please be reminded that the staff car park is for staff only and the entrance to this carpark is NOT a safe place for any drops offs, pick-ups or turn arounds. We have had some recent near disasters with parents using this entrance and reversing across the pedestrian crossing. This is highly dangerous. Please do not use this area.

iPads
Students in Year 3-6 in 2015 may be interested in a current promotion from Telstra. Telstra are offering a ipad mini 16gb to anyone with a mobile accelerate plan for $15 month ($10.00 data share sim and $5.00 for ipad mini).
This is a great deal, if conditions suit your needs.
If they get your iPad through Greensborough Telstra store (data share) feel free to mention WHPS and receive a 10% off accessories (ie: a case).

Instrumental Music Soiree
I am very excited to announce that our Soiree will occur on the 19th December at 9:30am until 11:00am. Each instrument is allocated to an area and will showcase their musical skills in front of an audience. At 10:00am there will be a very brief intermission for our Preps and Grade 1/2 audience to move to another instrument. A Soiree Running Order sheet has been attached for you to view the locations of the instruments. The final performance will occur at 10:30am and will conclude the Soiree. The entire school will convene in the GP room to watch our School Choir and Band perform a few well-rehearsed songs. All families are encouraged to attend the entire event however please be prepared to move to the GP for the final performance.

Family Fun Night
Please keep Friday 12th December free on your family calendar. Our Family Fun Night will be a great night for our community and provide an opportunity to come together at the end of what’s been a great year. From 5.30-8pm the community is welcomed to the school for some music, drinks, food and fun! We even have showbags available to purchase. Further details will be coming home next week.

Cosmodome incursion for Year 3/4 students
On the 4th December, an inflatable Cosmodome was set up in the GP room for our students to experience a Planetarium Show. With spectacular and amazing images zooming across the dome, students explored the causes of day and night, the reason for the seasons and the signs of the zodiac. Here are some of the student's comments after the Incursion; Ashla B- "I learnt that you can make many shapes out of the stars". Lexie R:"I learnt that there can be lightning on the planets." Alex C: "I learnt that Jupiter has a red spot on it which is actually a storm." Georgia M: "I learnt that one side of Mercury is really cold and the other side is really hot."

Year 6-7 orientation day
On December 9th our Year 6 students will spend a day in their school of choice for 2015. This is an important part of the transition in secondary life. We wish all our students the very best for a successful day and we are looking forward to a positive few weeks packed with lots of Watsonia Heights memories.
The graduating students will also together on Wednesday 17\textsuperscript{th} December to celebrate and commemorate their primary school years at their 2014 Graduation ceremony to be held at the Watsonia RSL.

**Swimming for Prep-2**

Well done to all of our Prep-2 swimmers. You’ve done a terrific job in developing your aquatic skills. One week to go! Thanks again to all the parents who’ve helped make this program such a seamless success.

**No Hat, No Play**

This term is a SUNSMART term. All students are required to wear a wide brimmed school hat every day. Students who do not have a hat will be asked to remain under the covered area during play times. PLEASE clearly name your child’s hat (in fact, all of their belongings).

**End of school**

Please note that school concludes at 1pm on Friday 19\textsuperscript{th} December. We will be conducting our final assembly at this time.

Have a great weekend!

Michael

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**Weetbix Kids TRYathlon**

Set amongst the giant palm trees of Catani Gardens, St Kilda is a spectacular place for TRYathletes to start their day! TRYathletes begin with an open water swim in St Kilda beach, ahead of riding around the specially designed Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon course in the Gardens!

TRYathletes finish at the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon Village where friends and family will cheer them across the finish line.

Event day is **Sunday 8 March 2015**. Register now to be part of this World record-breaking Series. Register before midnight on **21 December 2014** to receive the early-bird discount!


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**Student Banking**

**LAST DAY FOR STUDENT BANKING IS TUESDAY 16\textsuperscript{TH} DECEMBER.**

School banking starts back on Tuesday the 3\textsuperscript{rd} February 2015.

A huge thanks goes out to our superstar School Banking co-ordinator Glynise M. Glynise has done a huge amount of work each and every week by coming in and processing not only the school banking but also the student banking rewards which is another huge task alone.

Thank you very much Glynise, your work has been appreciated by all.
The Great Debate

The grade 5/6 students have done a tremendous job presenting arguments during a formal debate. Students worked in small groups to respond to News clips on the issues of: Endangered Species, Impact of Technology, Changing Australia’s National Flag and using bottled water. They then broke into teams of 3 to develop arguments for the affirmative and opposition.

Students spoke with great poise and included gestures to drive home their arguments and convince audience members (peers) to agree with their perspective. Many students were also able offer counter arguments.
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BACK TO SCHOOL 2015

Family payment Early bird discount expires on Friday December 12th 2014.

School Uniform purchases can be made on Tuesday 27th January from 10am – 12pm

Grade 3-6 Bookpacks will be handed out to all students on the Thursday 29th January.

School resumes back for all students on Thursday 29th January 2015

The first two days for Preps are: Thursday 29th Jan and Friday 30th 9am - 1pm.

During February Prep students will not attend school on Wednesdays. Preps are to attend school on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Fridays in February from 9am – 3.30pm.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 2014

Fri 5th Prep Orientation 9:30-11.45am
Mon 8th Ripponlea Excursion for 1/2E & 1/2WP
Fri 12th Prep Museum Excursion Family Fun Night
Mon 15th Gde 5/6 Health Incursion
Tue 16th Gde 6 Graduation practice at Watsonia RSL
Wed 17th Grade 6 Graduation @ Watsonia RSL
Fri 19th End of Year – dismissal 1pm

January 2015

Tue 27th Office Staff return
Wed 28th Teachers return
Thu 29th Grade 1-6 return Preps 9am – 1pm
Fri 30th Preps 9am – 1pm
TENNIS OPEN DAY

WATSONIA TENNIS CLUB

Elder St Reserve, Car park entrance off Manfred St

As a follow up Activity from the “Tennis in Schools” program that your child has just participated in at Watsonia Heights Primary School, please find an invitation to attend a Tennis Open Day at the Club.

WHEN: Wednesday 17th December 4.00 – 5.00pm (after school)

*Come along and play on our great courts (same as the Australian Open)

*Free coaching and games for the kids

*All equipment provided

*Free sausage sizzle

*Parents welcome to participate

For more information, enquiries or RSVP contact:

Cameron MacColl (WTC Club Professional)

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**INTERMISSION Move to your next instrument**

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**Convene in GP room for final performance**

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All students in Prep - 2

Would love you to come along to help celebrate their year of music

With a Xmas Carols Performance

Wednesday 17th December
9-10am

GP Room

We look forward to seeing you there!
Library Competition

Create a poster about one of our fantastic library books.

Design your poster to attract attention and be displayed in the library. You must include the title, author and a blurb about the book. Be Creative!

You could use colour, borders, illustrations, photos, collage or cut and paste to make your poster attractive and interesting. You may use technology or hand drawn work or a combination of both.

The top 10 entries will receive 200 house points and first prize is a $15 book voucher.

Use A3 paper
(See your teacher for competition paper)

Entries must be placed in the box in the library by Monday December 8th.

See Izzy, Joanna or Mrs Humberstone if you have any questions about the competition.
movies
ON THE MOVE
free

RIO 2
SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER

ACTIVITIES FROM
6.30pm

LOCATION
Ivanhoe Park
Lower Heidelberg Rd East Ivanhoe

MORE INFORMATION

www.banyule.vic.gov.au or call us on 9490 4222

• FREE children’s activities, including face painting, start from 6.30pm
• Movie starts at 8.30pm
• BYO seating and blanket
• BYO picnic
• Sausage sizzle

• Meet your local Councillor Jenny Mulholland and our ‘Out and About’ team
• Accessible event
• No bookings required

Face painting